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## PREFACE

This is our project to help you through your difficult time whenever you make any kinds of English paper. We really hope that this simple guideline book makes your way easier. We also hope that you could learn and understand English better. We are so happy to share this knowledge to you. This guideline book only the means, so you still need to push yourself. Thus, whenever you do not have willingness to learn, the knowledge would be just useless.

In truth, we could not achieve our current level of success without strong support group. First of all, our angel teacher, Miss Vero, who is always ready to help anytime. Thank you for always being there in D.6O8 and push our capability more. Secondly, EC brothers and sisters. We deeply appreciate your time, college-knowledge, idea, stuff, and many more for helping us through our first year. Lastly, to our members who make this guideline so wonderful, each of whom has provided patient advice and guidance throughout the project process. Thank you so much all for your unwavering support.

Last but not least, Mark Twain said that "*Writing is easy. All you have to do is cross out the wrong words.*" Here we go, the writing is so easy if you keep on trying. We hope this guideline helps you finding your meaningful path in your journey to be successful. Good luck!

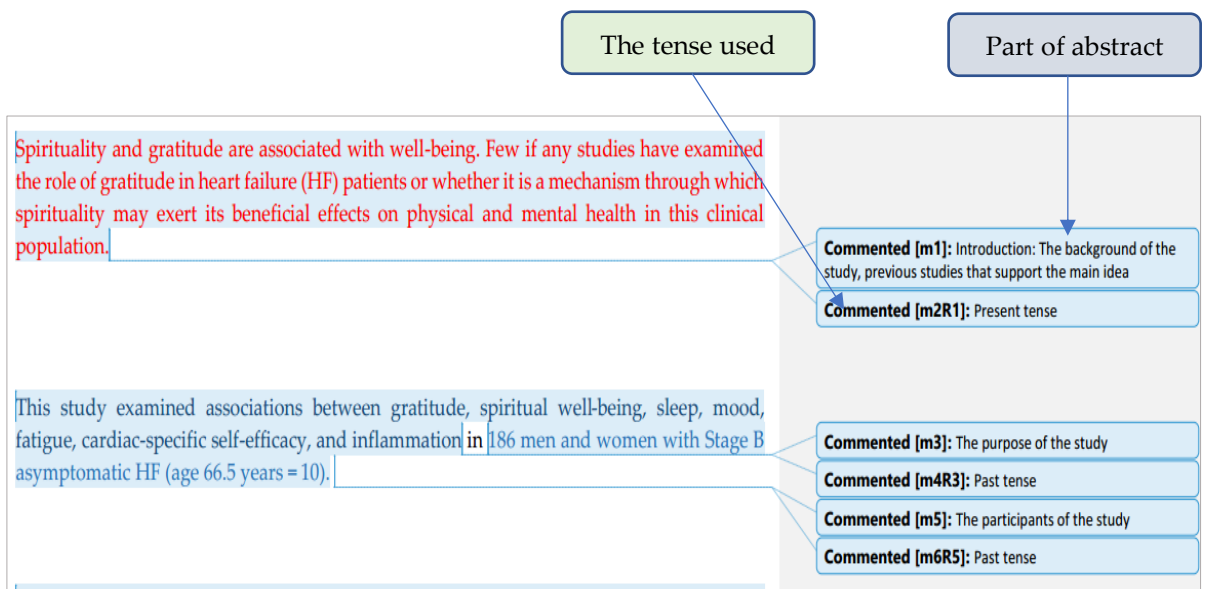
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2. Analysis of the highlighted of the examples of the words reflecting the tenses used in each part mentioned above.

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*Editor's Note.* This is one article of eight in a special section on Veterans and their families during reintegration after deployment.

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Although psychologists and other professionals have examined biases and discriminatory practices in hiring in many professions, psychologists have not explored their own potential missteps in the interviewing of trainees. The present study sought to investigate whether applicants to psychology doctoral programs and internships were asked inappropriate or illegal questions during their interviews. Data from 303 participants (all of whom interviewed at doctoral programs, 120 of whom interviewed at internship sites) were collected from psychology listservs and from department contacts. Results indicated that nonclinical/counseling/school masters psychology doctoral programs were more likely to ask a potentially inappropriate question than clinical/counseling/school programs and masters programs. Age was unrelated to being asked one's age, although nonheterosexual and non-White participants were more likely to report being asked their sexual orientation or ethnic background, respectively. Finally, qualifications (GPA and GRE scores) were unrelated to being asked an inappropriate question on doctoral interviews, although number of direct client contact hours was negatively related to being asked an inappropriate question on internship interviews. Implications for departmental policy are discussed.

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Social scientists have long recognized and investigated the pervasive inequalities found in the job application process. Arvey (1979), in a review of the literature, found that applicants were evaluated differently during interviews based on their gender, race, age, and disability status. More recently, researchers have found that pregnant women, individuals with disabilities, and minorities are more likely to be evaluated negatively during job applications (Bertrand & Mullainathan, 2004; Bragger, Kutcher, Morgan, & Firth, 2002; Hebl & Kleck, 2002). Thus, we as psychologists have keen insight into discriminatory practices that occur in other employment fields. It is surprising then that psychologists have done

so little to evaluate our own field to ensure that applicants are provided with a fair, respectful, and culturally competent application experience. To minimize potentially discriminatory hiring practices, interviewers should not ask about personal qualities that may be the basis of discrimination. Whereas such practices are rigidly enforced in most workplace environments, it is unclear whether psychology professionals appropriately follow guidelines when interviewing applicants for graduate school and internship.

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## Legal and Discriminatory Concerns

Beyond concern for applicants' comfort during the interview process and support for diversity, inappropriate questions asked during interviews open universities and internship sites to legal fallout. Federal laws such as the Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 (ADEA), and Title I of the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) prohibit discrimination in the workplace (Bennett-Alexander & Hartman, 2012). State laws and statutes also provide protection against employment discrimination (Byrd & Scott, 2014). Collectively, these laws and regulations protect against employment discrimination on the basis of factors such as age, disability, race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or pregnancy (Equal Opportunity Employment

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In real-life decision situations we are often faced with alternatives that seem so equivalent that choice is extremely difficult. Under such circumstances our final selection may feel like an arbitrary choice, although in fact there may be implicit influences acting outside conscious control that bias us toward selecting one alternative over another. The observation that people can make correct choices while believing that they are selecting randomly has a long history in experimental psychology. Studies dating from the 19th century have consistently found that participants can make subtle perceptual discrimination judgments with above-chance accuracy despite claims that they are simply guessing (Adams, 1957; Voss & Paller, 2010). Voss and colleagues have recently provided evidence for a similar effect in recognition memory (Voss, Baym & Paller, 2008). Participants studied a series of kaleidoscope images and then attempted to recognize the studied items among a set of perceptually similar pairs. The study

phase was performed under either full attention (FA) or divided attention (DA) conditions, and the recognition test was either a yes-no test (10 studied targets mixed with 10 similar foils) or a 2-AFC test (10 simultaneously presented target-foil pairs). In the yes-no test, recognition accuracy was good following encoding under FA conditions but very poor following DA at encoding, as one might expect in an explicit memory situation. Surprisingly, however, participants' performance on the forced-choice test was better following DA than FA at encoding. Further experiments revealed that when participants were asked to rate their forced-choice responses as being on the basis of some memory for the studied item or as random guesses, recognition accuracy was higher for responses judged to be guesses than for those thought to be based on memory.

These experiments thus provide evidence for substantial levels of recognition memory when participants believe they are simply guessing—that is, for recognition without awareness. This result was obtained only under very specific conditions, however—when encoding was performed under DA conditions, when the test was 2-AFC, when responding was under a tight time deadline (c. 2 sec from stimulus onset), and when the choice was between two perceptually similar visual patterns. There was essentially no evidence for the effect with a yes-no testing procedure or even with a forced-choice procedure when participants were given unlimited time to respond or when target stimuli were paired with a perceptually dissimilar foil (Voss et al., 2008, Experiments 3 & 4, respectively). A subsequent study revealed a further limitation; the effect was not obtained in the forced-choice procedure when participants were encouraged to respond accurately and guess only when absolutely necessary, although the original result reappeared when participants were encouraged to guess (Voss & Paller, 2010).

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Psychopathy is a complex personality disorder characterised by such symptoms as glibness and superficiality, egocentricity, impulsivity, irresponsibility, and lack of remorse or guilt. Individuals with this disorder are well-known for their antisocial and often criminal behaviour (Hare, 2003), and accordingly, much of the extant psychopathy research has featured samples from forensic psychiatric or correctional settings. Within the past decade, however, there has been a proliferation in research activity featuring noncriminal psychopathic individuals in the community. The present review considers psychopathic individuals within both criminal and noncriminal contexts.

## Psychopathy and Its Criminal Justice Correlates: The “Unsuccessful” Psychopath?

Individuals scoring high on the Hare Psychopathy Checklist–Revised (PCL–R; Hare, 2003) have higher base rates in forensic or correctional settings, approximately 15% to 25% (Hare, 1996), in contrast to only about 1% in the community (Blair, Mitchell, & Blair, 2005; Coid, Yang, Ullrich, Roberts, & Hare, 2009; Hare, 1996). Psychopathic individuals in general, and those scoring high on PCL–measured psychopathy in particular, commit a larger number of crimes; engage in frequent and diverse criminal behav-

ours, including acts of violence and sexual aggression; are more likely to engage in instrumental or goal-directed acts of aggression; are more likely to breach conditional release; and pose an elevated recidivism risk for a variety of outcomes (Hare & McPherson, 1984; Hare, McPherson, & Forth, 1988; Harpur & Hare, 1994; Hart, Kropp, & Hare, 1988; Kosson, Kelly, & White, 1997; Leistico, Salekin, DeCoster, & Rogers, 2008; Williamson, Hare, & Wong, 1987).

Theory and research concerning the causes and correlates of antisocial behaviour has identified myriad social, psychological, and biological factors that have been found to be no less salient for psychopathic offenders (Patrick, 2006). This includes a relatively enduring pattern of values and beliefs that condone or even legitimize antisocial behaviour, sometimes known as criminal attitudes (Simourd, 1997; Simourd & Hoge, 2000). Research also has demonstrated positive correlations between psychopathy and various self-report measures of criminal attitudes and thinking (Gonsalves, Scalora, & Huss, 2009; Mitchell & Tafrate, 2011; Simourd & Hoge, 2000). It seems reasonable that an individual with pronounced psychopathic traits is more likely to harbor attitudes supportive of antisocial conduct and weak sentiments toward prosocial, selfless behaviour. The mechanism by which this link may be manifested in overt antisocial behaviour is less clear, however, as is whether such a link also occurs in nonoffender populations.

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In a groundbreaking study, Grant et al. (2011) noted that 75% of transgender individuals (individuals whose current gender identity is not congruent with their sex assigned at birth) have engaged in psychotherapy currently or in the past, with an additional 14% indicating an intention to seek psychotherapy in the future. In comparison, 3.18% of the United States population utilizes psychotherapy (Olson & Marcus, 2010). Prevalence estimates are outdated and underestimate the actual percentage of transgender people due to solely tracking those individuals who seek sexual reassignment surgery (Olyslager & Conway, 2007). van Kesteren, Gooren, and Megens (1996) estimated that approximately 2–5% of the population identifies as transgender.

As can be expected, a percentage of transgender clients enter therapy with the same concerns of cisgender clients (individuals whose sex assigned at birth is congruent with their current gender identity). Very little research has considered why transgender clients seek therapy at disproportionate rates when compared to other populations. One study indicated that transgender clients seek therapy for a myriad of reasons, including personal growth and help with their gender transition (Rachlin, 2002). However, this research only indicates the goals that transgender clients report when they arrive to therapy. It is likely that the numbers of clients seeking therapy are high for two reasons:

(a) clients who desire medical interventions will need one to two letters from health care providers (Coleman et al., 2012) and (b) clients wish to cope with experiences of prejudice and discrimination (Bess & Stabb, 2009). Though these two reasons may be interrelated for clients, the scope of this article will focus primarily on letter writing.

Very few psychotherapists find themselves in the role of gatekeeper to medically necessary treatments. The World Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) provides Standards of Care (SOC) that recommend standards to be used by all health professionals when working with transgender individuals. The current SOC (Version 7; Coleman et al., 2012) are considered to be the primary recommendations to assist health care providers with relevant and recent research findings and procedures to assist transgender individuals with medical interventions.<sup>1</sup>

Practitioners and clients have expressed mixed feelings about the role the SOC have played within transgender health care (Bockting, Robinson, Benner, & Scheltema, 2004). Previous criticisms of the SOC noted the lack of research that validated the recommendations made within the SOC (Version 6, specifically; De Cuypere & Vercruyse, 2009; Fraser, 2009; Lev, 2009). For example, in SOC Version 6, transgender clients were required to attend psychotherapy sessions for at least 3 months prior to obtaining a letter from their mental health care provider for hormone therapy; they were also required to live as their current gender “full

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# Asian Indian International Students' Trajectories of Depression, Acculturation, and Enculturation

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The present study examined group-based differences in depression, acculturation, and enculturation trajectories and identified predictors of depression trajectories for 114 Asian Indian graduate students during their first academic year in the United States. Using group-based trajectory modeling, we identified the following 3 depression trajectories: students in the *low-improving* group began the year with relatively few depressive symptoms, which further decreased over time; students in the *low-stable* group began the year with few depression symptoms, which remained stable over time; and students in the *high-declining* group initially had the highest depressive symptomatology, and their symptoms worsened over time. Acculturation trajectories included a *low-decreasing* group that had the lowest acculturation level initially and became even less acculturated over time; a *high-stable* group that had consistently high acculturation; and a *mid-stable* group that had consistently moderate levels of acculturation. Enculturation trajectories included a *low-decreasing* group that had a relatively lower level of initial enculturation and experienced a reduction in enculturation over time, and a *high-stable* group that showed high levels of enculturation that remained stable over time. One-way analyses of variance (ANOVAs) indicated that higher acculturation, a greater number of in-group sources of support, fewer academic and financial concerns, and lower perceived degree of adjustment at the beginning of the study significantly distinguished among depression trajectories, with the largest differences typically seen between the *low-improving* and *high-declining* groups. Recognition of distinct depression, acculturation, and enculturation patterns and predictors of depression can strengthen support services for Asian Indian international students in U.S. universities.

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Asian Indian graduate students have comprised the largest or second largest ethnic group of international students on American college campuses since 2000 (Institute of International Education [IIE], 2013), but little is known about their psychological adjustment patterns and acculturation process during their initial transition to the United States. At this writing, we are aware of only two studies of mental health that exclusively focused on Asian Indian international students in the United States (Atri, Sharma, & Cottrell, 2006; Rahman & Rollock, 2004), and two additional studies that included a substantial number of Asian Indian international students in their sample (Rice, Choi, Zhang, Morero, & Anderson, 2012; Tochkov, Levine, & Sanaka, 2010); none of these studies examined psychological adjustment or acculturation/enculturation processes across multiple time points. Although Asian Indian students may be partially buffered from transitional stress by their

higher English proficiency compared with students from other Asian countries (Educational Testing Services [ETS], 2007), they, like other international students, are at risk of experiencing difficulties in their psychological and cultural adjustment period (Zhang & Goodson, 2011). Notable societal differences between the United States and India, with Indian culture featuring generally more traditional gender roles and attitudes (Deosthale & Hennon, 2008), strong reliance on interdependence and connectedness with family members throughout the life span (Verma & Triandis, 1999), and expectations of maintaining a deferential and nonconfrontational stance toward teachers (Milner, 2009) may uniquely affect Asian Indian international students' expectations while studying in the United States. A crucial step toward developing effective supports for Asian Indian international graduate students transitioning to the United States via academic institutions involves understanding possible patterns of psychological adjustment and acculturation/enculturation and identifying factors that contribute to psychological adjustment outcomes.

## Conceptual Framework

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It has been commonly recognized that parental beliefs and attitudes have substantive effects on their children's academic outcomes (Eccles, Wigfield, & Schiefele, 1998). Among many parental beliefs, parental aspiration for their children's academic achievements has received considerable attention over the past half century in the literature of both psychology and sociology (for a review, see Yamamoto & Holloway, 2010). In psychology, for example, several social–cognitive models like the expectancy-value theory (Parsons, Adler, & Kaczala, 1982; see also Bronfenbrenner & Morris, 1998; Grolnick & Slowiaczek, 1994; Oyserman,

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In accordance with these theoretical predictions, the positive associations between parental aspiration and children's academic attainment have been investigated in numerous empirical studies.

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